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SUBJECT: MBFR - FRG LEADERSHIP MEETS TO DISCUSS THE
NEGOTIATIONS

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1. FRG DISARMAMENT COMMISSIONER ROTH ADVISED EMBOFF ON
SEPT 24 THAT CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT, FOREIGN MINISTER

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GENSCHER AND DEFENSE MINISTER LEBER SPENT BETWEEN 1-2

HOURS ON THE EVENING OF SEPT. 19 DISCUSSING VARIOUS ASPECTS OF MBFR. WHILE ROTH DIVULGED NO DETAILS OF THE CONVERSATION, HE EMPHASIZED THAT NO FINAL DECISIONS HAD BEEN TAKEN NOR HAD ANY NEW GUIDANCE BEEN ISSUED. ROTH SAID SCHMIDT AND HIS MINISTERS APPARENTLY VIEW MBFR AS A LONG-TERM PROCESS, PERHAPS RESULTING IN AN INSTITUTIONALIZED DIALOGUE WHOSE MAIN AIM WOULD BE TO STABILIZE THE MILITARY SITUATION IN CENTRAL EUROPE. ROTH INDICATED THE FONOFF HAD RECEIVED SUPPORT FOR SOME OF ITS PRESENT POSITIONS ON VARIOUS MBFR ISSUES, ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT SPECIFY WHICH ONES. ONE MAJOR CONCERN VOICED BY ROTH AND APPARENTLY DISCUSSED BY THE THREE WAS THE POSSIBLE USE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS BY THE SOVIETS AS A NEW POLITICAL TOOL TO INVOLVE THEMSELVES IN FUTURE FRG DEFENSE MATTERS.

2. ROTH STRESSED THAT THE BASIS OF FRG MBFR POLICY REMAINS THAT THE GERMANS WILL DO NOTHING AGAINST OR WITHOUT THE US. HE THOUGHT THERE MIGHT BE ANOTHER MEETING BY THE LEADERSHIP TO DISCUSS MBFR MATTERS PRIOR TO THE CHANCELLOR'S TRIP TO THE SOVIET UNION NOW SCHEDULED FOR LATE OCTOBER.

3. COMMENT: ADDITIONAL PROBING OF ROTH FOR MORE DETAILS OF THE SCHMIDT-GENSCHER-LEBER DISCUSSION MIGHT BE USEFUL DURING THE USG/FRG POLITICAL-MILITARY TALKS IN WASHINGTON. END COMMENT
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